

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings or versions of the claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 128 (Canceled).

Claim 129 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product comprising a co-processed composition comprising at least one water-soluble crystalline compound selected from the group consisting of mannitol, erythritol, isomalt and lactitol, and at least one acidulant selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid, citric acid, malic acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, ascorbic acid and lactic acid, wherein said water-soluble crystalline compound is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of from 80 to 99 percent by weight and said at least one acidulant is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of from 1 to 20 percent by weight, and further wherein said co-processed composition is in the form of granules or agglomerates.

Claim 130 (Previously presented): A confectionery product according to claim 129, wherein said confectionery product is a chewing gum.

Claim 131 (Previously presented): A pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product as claimed in claim 129, further comprising at least one alkaline ingredient.

Claim 132 (Previously presented): A chewing gum according to claim 130, further comprising at least one acid-sensitive additive.

Claim 133 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product of claim 129, further comprising an acid-sensitive additive.

Claim 134 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product of claim 133, wherein said acid-sensitive additive is a flavor.

Claim 135 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product comprising: (a) a co-processed composition consisting essentially of at least one water-soluble crystalline compound selected from the group consisting of mannitol, erythritol, isomalt and lactitol, and at least one acidulant selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid, citric acid, malic acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, ascorbic acid and lactic acid, wherein said water-soluble crystalline compound is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of

from 80 to 99 percent by weight and said at least one acidulent is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of from 1 to 20 percent by weight, and further wherein said co-processed composition is in the form of granules or agglomerates; and (b) an acid-sensitive additive.

Claim 136 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product of claim 135, wherein said acid-sensitive additive is a flavor.

Claim 137 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product comprising: (a) a co-processed composition consisting essentially of at least one water-soluble crystalline compound selected from the group consisting of mannitol, erythritol, isomalt and lactitol, and at least one acidulent selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid, citric acid, malic acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, ascorbic acid and lactic acid, wherein said water-soluble crystalline compound is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of from 80 to 99 percent by weight and said at least one acidulent is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of from 1 to 20 percent by weight, and further wherein said co-processed composition is in the form of granules or agglomerates of said at least one water-soluble crystalline compound and said at least one acidulent with the at least one acidulent being trapped or contained within the at least one water-soluble crystalline compound in the granules or agglomerates; and (b) an acid-sensitive additive.

Claim 138 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product of claim 137, wherein said acid-sensitive additive is a flavor.

Claim 139 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product comprising: (a) a co-processed composition consisting essentially of at least one water-soluble crystalline compound selected from the group consisting of mannitol, erythritol, isomalt and lactitol, at least one acidulent selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid, citric acid, malic acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, ascorbic acid and lactic acid, and water, wherein said water-soluble crystalline compound is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of from 80 to 99 percent by weight, said water is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of from 0.01 to 2 percent by weight, and the remainder of said co-processed composition is said at least one acidulent, and further wherein said co-processed composition is

in the form of granules or agglomerates; and (b) an acid-sensitive additive.

Claim 140 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product of claim 139, wherein said acid-sensitive additive is a flavor.

Claim 141 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product comprising: (a) a co-processed composition consisting essentially of at least one water-soluble crystalline compound selected from the group consisting of mannitol, erythritol, isomalt and lactitol, at least one acidulant selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid, citric acid, malic acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, ascorbic acid and lactic acid, and water, wherein said water-soluble crystalline compound is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of from 80 to 99 percent by weight, said water is present in said co-processed composition in an amount of from 0.01 to 2 percent by weight, and the remainder of said co-processed composition is said at least one acidulant, and further wherein said co-processed composition is in the form of granules or agglomerates of said at least one water-soluble crystalline compound, said at least one acidulant and water with the at least one acidulant being trapped or contained within the at least one water-soluble crystalline compound in the granules or agglomerates; and (b) an acid-sensitive additive.

Claim 142 (Previously presented): Pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product of claim 141, wherein said acid-sensitive additive is a flavor.

Claim 143 (New): A pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product according to claim 129, wherein said pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product is a hard candy.

Claim 144 (New): A pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product according to claim 129, wherein said pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product is a jam, jelly or other soft filling.

Claim 145 (New): A pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product according to claim 129, wherein said pharmaceutical product, food product or confectionery product is a baked product.